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SUBJECT: GEORGES RIZKALLAH BUSTANI

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SEEKING SOONEST WTDR-TYPE INFORMATION ON SYRIAN BUSINESSMAN ESTABLISHED IN LEBANON NAMED GEORGES RIZQALLAH BUSTANI AND/OR HIS SONS AND RELATIONS PHILIP GEORGES BUSTANI, RIZQALLAH GEORGES BUSTANI, AND ZA'IM BUSTANI.

2. FYI - THE BUSTANIS ARE FORMER PARTNERS IN SYRIAN FIRM "GEORGES R. BUSTANI & FILS" WHICH WAS NATIONALIZED IN 1965. FIRM HAD DEALT IN COTTON GINNING AND IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY IN ALEPPO. IN 1963-64 EXPORT-IMPORT BANK EXTENDED TWO CREDIT GUARANTEES TO BUSTANI FIRM WHICH WERE DEFAULTED ON AT TIME OF NATIONALIZATION. BUSTANI THEN MOVED TO LEBANON, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY HAS SOME INVESTMENTS. WE PRESENTLY SEEKING INFORMATION ON BUSTANI IN ORDER ROUND OUT PICTURE RE EXIMBANK CLAIM - END FYI.
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3. TRUST YOU CAN OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION FROM NORMAL SOURCES, AS WITH ANY COMMERCIAL INQUIRY. IF BUSTANI ACTIVELY IN BUSINESS IN LEBANON, LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER TO VISIT FIRM OR NOT.

4. IF SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE, PLEASE SUBMIT TELEGRAPHIC VOLUNTARY WTDR , INFO TO DEPT STATE FOR NEA/ARN. IF WTDR NOT FEASIBLE, PLEASE CABLE WHATEVER INFORMATION CAN BE DEVELOPED TO DEPT FOR NEA/ARN SOONEST KISSINGER

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